

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Vice Chrmn. Bergami called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Anthony Candido, Carol Faruolo, Sharon Marrone, J. Wanosky

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Melvin Eisenhandler, Alberta Jagoe

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Fournier; P. Vetro, Board of Aldermen; D. Candido, Secty.

A quorum was present to conduct the business of the meeting.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ald. Vetro congratulated Chair Jagoe and Vice Chair Bergami for being elected chair and vice chair of this Commission. He added they are both deserving of the leadership roles.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 as presented.

Chief Mello noted a correction on page 6, specifically para. 3 after reconvening in public session should read:

*It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to extend 30 days of sick time plus **\$1,000** from the sick benefit fund for one employee as recommended by the Chief. Motion carried unanimously.*

Comm. Faruolo and Comm. Marrone amended their motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Capt. Giuliano, West Haven Police Dept. – expressed appreciation and thanks for allowing the WHPD to utilize remote controlled robot for a SRT call on 1/3/11. He stated Sgt. Youd was quick to respond, operated the unit as requested and demonstrated utmost professionalism. He stated he looks forward to continuing the mutual assistance that both departments have shared.

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- Kristen Finnegan – Resident – in an email to Capt. Shea, she recognized Officer Lugo for taking the time to speak to a group of scouts. She noted the meeting went well and the scouts enjoyed the opportunity to meet a real police officer. As well, they are looking forward to meeting a K-9 unit as well.

Chief Mello explained that a subsequent meeting with the scouts and a K-9 unit is planned.

- Thomas Zawislinski, 29 Great Meadow Road, Milford – on 1/23/11 he was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident to which Officer DelMonte was assigned to investigate. Mr. Zawislinski praised Officer DelMonte for his patience, courteous manner and added that the officer's professionalism is a credit to the Milford Police Dept.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

a. West Shore Motors Suspension from Tow List – Chief Mello explained West Shore Motors has 4 documented incidents when they have not responded to a call for service in a timely manner. He explained each towing company has the responsibility to answer/respond to a call and in at least one incident they had not answered a call. Chief Mello recommended suspending West Shore Motors from the Tow List for a period of four weeks and he added if such an incident should happen again, he would recommend they be permanently removed.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation to suspend West Shore Motors from the Tow List for a period of four weeks effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 2010 Police Sick and Relief Fund Report – informational only; no action necessary.

c. \$20 donation received at a car seat inspection clinic – Chief Mello stated Ms. Donna Wolniakowski had made a \$20 donation at a recent car seat clinic and he recommended that donation be applied to the Police Sick and Relief Fund.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation to apply the \$20 donation received at a recent car seat clinic to the Police Sick and Relief Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Accident free mileage awards to Sgt. J. Simko, Officer D. McCollum and Officer G. Gallagher - Chief Mello stated the officers noted have accumulated 12,000 safe driving miles.

It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Candido to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 accident-free miles with no safety violations to the above noted officers. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS - none**

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**8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

- a. Uniform Crime Report
- b. Youth Bureau Report
- c. Crime Prevention Services Report
- d. Detective Bureau Cases Report

Vice Chair Bergami noted the reports of items a, b, c and d were included in the Commissioners packets.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept reports a, b, c and d as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

**10. NEW BUSINESS - none**

**11. COMMENDATIONS**

- a. Unit Citation for 13 employees – Deputy Chief Fournier recognized the following officers for commendable service involved with a bank robbery which occurred on 4/26/10 at which time they obtained and relayed specific information, responded quickly, gathered additional information and located the suspect quickly resulting in his arrest and sentence:

Officers Macharelli, Tierney, Bedeker, Frith, Guilfoyle  
Detectives Cortes, Chacon, Staurovsky, Vitti, Compare, McMahon, Rahn, Richards, Frawley

- b. Certificate of Commendation for Sgt. P. Tierney – Deputy Chief Fournier recommended a Certificate of Commendation to Sgt. P. Tierney who on 12/5/10 while patrolling at Eels Hill Road, he apprehended four individuals who were attempting to gain entry to a city-owned building utilizing a hammer and screwdriver. He added that Sgt. Tierney, acting alone, prevented a burglary from taking place as well as the potential of other crimes and it was these actions that reflects Sgt. Tierney's dedication to the department and the City.

It was moved by Comm. Candido and seconded by Comm. Marrone to uphold Deputy Chief Fournier's recommendations regarding the Unit Citation of 13 employees as listed and the Certificate of Commendation for Sgt. P. Tierney. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Executive Session**

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**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE ON MATTERS  
CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE,  
EVALUATION AND HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn to Executive session at 7:20 p.m. for the following matters:

1. Consideration of the performance of 6 employees
2. Grievance #1-2011 at Step #3

Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Fournier were invited to remain for executive session and remained.

Motion carried unanimously.

[Ald. Vetro left the meeting at 7:20 P.M.]

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reconvene in public session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Candido to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation regarding the performance of 6 employees. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to deny Grievance #1-2011 at Step 3. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Candido, Secretary